

## MILPERSMAN 1220-260

### DIVING REQUALIFICATION

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<b>References</b>	(a) NAVSEA SS521-AG-PRO-010, United States Navy Diving Manual (b) DoD 7000.14-R, Financial Management Regulation
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#### 1. Policy

a. The term "diver," when used in context of requalification, refers to personnel designated in the Navy enlisted classification (NEC) codes and officer designators listed in the table below.

b. Standards for requalification:

Designation	NEC and Officer Designator	Perform Dives
Master Diver	5341	4
Diver First Class	5342	4
Underwater Construction Team (UCT)	5931	4
Diver, Advanced (includes Saturation Hospital Corpsman (HM))		
Diver Second Class	5343	4
UCT Diver, Basic	5932	4
Deep Sea Medical Technician	8493	4
Deep Sea Medical Technician (Independent Duty Corpsman (IDC))	8494	4
Scuba Diver	5344/5345	4
Fleet Marine Force (FMF)	8403	4
Reconnaissance HM (IDC)	8427	4
FMF Reconnaissance HM		

EOD	533X	4
Special Warfare Combatant Swimmers	532X	4
Diving Officer	720X, and per MILPERSMAN 7220-090	4
Sea, Air, and Land (SEAL) Officer	113X, 118X, 615X, 715X	4
Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Officer	114X, 119X, 648X, 748X	4

**NOTE 1:** All dives shall be conducted per reference (a).

**NOTE 2:** Divers completing a saturation dive shall be qualified for the following 6-month period.

**NOTE 3:** No more than two requalification dives may be performed in a hyperbaric chamber.

**NOTE 4:** Dives should be completed for each command required operational capabilities and projected operational environment, or mission essential task list.

c. The diver requalification timeline runs over 2 periods each year. The spring period begins 1 January and ends 30 June. The fall period begins 1 July and ends 31 December. In order to remain on dive status, divers must requalify as per the above chart each dive period.

d. To qualify for special pay for diving duty, per reference (b), divers are considered qualified if they have conducted 4 dives in the previous diver qualification period (e.g., if a diver conducts 4 dives in March, during the spring requalification period, he or she is considered qualified until 31 December).

e. If the diver fails to qualify during a requalification period, he or she is considered "not in dive status" and is not authorized dive pay. Per reference (b), when a member is removed from diving duty or the member's diving qualifications lapse, then diving pay ceases on the date of removal or lapse.

## 2. Requalification Period

a. The 6-month requalification period is waived for diving personnel injured in the line of diving, or related duties including involvement as experimental divers or test subjects for approved protocols. They shall be considered qualified with an indefinite lapse date and are entitled to diving pay. Requalification must be completed within 60 days after being returned to full diving duty.

b. Personnel deemed not physically qualified as a result of injuries sustained in the line of diving or related duties may apply for supervisor status/non-diving. Waiver of NEC code or officer designator and or pay grade restrictions may be requested in conjunction and in support of such designation.

c. Personnel approved for supervisor status/non-diving and assigned to a diving NEC or officer designator billet shall have a qualification lapse date of "indefinite." Personnel not approved for designation will be made available for assignment to billets not requiring a diving-related NEC or officer designator.

3. **Lapses Over 1 Year.** If diving qualification has lapsed for more than 1 year, but less than 3 years, the diver may perform the required requalification dives after successfully completing the physical screening test described in MILPERSMAN 1220-100, Exhibit 1, and commanding officer's approval. The diver shall be considered qualified for a 6-month period from the date requalification is accomplished.

4. **Lapses Over 3 Years**

a. When the member's diving qualification has lapsed for more than 3 years, but less than 6 years, the diver must successfully complete the physical screening test described in MILPERSMAN 1220-100, Exhibit 1, and successfully retake the following portions of the diving course that would bestow the diving qualification desired:

(1) Portions relating to diving physics and or general diving procedures;

(2) Portions relating to diving medicine;

(3) Practical portions relating to recompression chamber operations; and

(4) Practical portions relating to diving equipment in which the individual has not been previously trained (may be taken from courses other than that which bestows desired qualifications).

b. Requalification may take place at any local fleet command considering the following requirements are met:

(1) Command performing requalification must formally request required curricula from appropriate learning center (LC);

(2) Command performing requalification must be authorized in writing by appropriate LC;

(3) Requalification will be conducted using curricula provided and controlled by appropriate LC;

(4) Commands conducting local requalification must have a 720X diving officer or master diver, holding NEC 9502 or an equivalent instructor qualification as determined by appropriate LC;

(5) Commands desiring authorization to conduct local requalification must request authorization via standard naval letter from appropriate LC. Request must state command's ability to meet prerequisite conditions above and its capability to conduct training; and

(6) If approved, LC will forward authorization letter and curriculum/training package. Commands will document completion of training on NAVPERS 1070/613 Administrative Remarks for inclusion in member's official military personal file (OMPF).

5. **Lapses over 6 years.** When the Service member's qualification has lapsed more than 6 years, a formal request from the member's commanding officer shall be submitted to appropriate LC stating command's requirement for reinstatement. LC will review request for final disposition.

6. **Diver Qualifications and Requalifications**

a. All individual dives will be entered in the Navy/Marine Corps Dive/Jump Reporting System. Periodic diving requalifications will be recorded using the following sample format and made a permanent part of the member's training record by filing with NAVPERS 1070/604 Enlisted Qualifications History.

**DIVER QUALIFICATIONS/REQUALIFICATIONS CHART**

<b>DATE OF ENTRY</b>	<b>DIVER'S RANK/ RATE</b>	<b>LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION</b>	<b>DEPTH ALLOWED</b>	<b>NEC/ NOBC</b>	<b>NEW LAPSE DATE</b>	<b>DIVER'S COMMAND</b>	<b>INIT</b>

b. Instructions for completing diver qualification's and requalification's chart:

(1) **Date of Entry:** Enter the date the training record entry was made.

(2) **Diver's Rank or Rate:** Enter the rank or rate of the diver at the time of the requalification dives.

(3) **Level of Qualification:** Enter the level of qualification to which the diver is **requalifying**, not the level of dive completed. Example: If a saturation diver requalified using Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus (SCUBA), record "Saturation" in the block.

(4) **Depth Allowed:** Enter the depth to which the diver is **authorized** to dive, not the depth of the qualification dive. Example: If a saturation diver requalified using SCUBA at a depth of 40 feet, record the depth qualified for a saturation diver (i.e., 850 feet).

(5) **New Lapse Date:** Enter the date the diver will next lapse in dive qualification. This date should be specified by the command making the training record entry.

(6) **Diver's Command:** Enter the command where the diver is assigned. This should be the command making the training record entry.

(7) **Initial:** The individual making the training record entry should initial in this block.